

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 7, 2001
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Modesto, California

Action Team Report

Paula Landis reported on Action Team Activities. The Action Team met on November 27th in Modesto. The topics of discussion included an update from the Comp Study, revival of the Fisheries & Wildlife Subcommittee, Environmental Water Quality funding, and a SJRMP Coordinator update.

Presenters at the meeting included: Kevin Elcock, DWR-Comp Study, John Shelton, DWR and Dale Mitchell, DFG (conference call), Manucher Alemi, DWR. Elcock gave an update on the Comp Study's outreach regional meetings. Shelton and Mitchell discussed the benefits of bringing back the Fishery and Wildlife Subcommittee. Alemi explained a funding opportunity for drainage issues. Lastly, Landis, briefed the group on the status for a SJRMP Coordinator. The next Action Team meeting will be held at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto on March 11, 2002, at 1 p.m.

Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin Comp Study Update

Steve Yeager, Reclamation Board, Alicia Kirchner and Merritt Rice, both with USACE attended the meeting to update the group on the progress of the Comp Study. They informed the group on the outcome of the outreach regional meetings. Some of the concerns they received included what people didn't want, the potential impacts to property rights, and confusion of simple terms. The Comp Study's goal is to develop 4 - 5 different alternatives, or a programmatic approach. They are attempting to have something by late January to look at.

The Comp Study is planning another interactive workshop this February. They also mentioned that a draft feasibility report would be completed by late 2002. Rice announced that he would be retiring and Kirchner will assume the role as lead planner.

Water Quality Subcommittee Update

Les Grober, CVRWQCB, and Ernie Taylor, DWR, updated the group on the subcommittee's activities. Grober explained the importance of real-time monitoring. Grober's presentation illustrated responsibility for monitoring by program and by project. He also talked about SWAMP, Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, a statewide program that helps feed into the TMDL issues. Ernie Taylor informed the group of the monitoring stations along the San Joaquin River system. He discussed the cost of monitoring and is seeking information on funding from the group. The group

suggested opportunities such as irrigation districts and Proposition 204. An Action Item for the next Action Team meeting is to develop support for an Amendment Proposal.

CALFED Update

Tim Ramirez, Resources Agency, gave a brief update on CALFED issues. He mentioned that the regional area is the intended direction. The Policy Group is meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 to report on operation. Gary Hunt of Southern California, focused on implementation of the program and on integration and balance.

Other

Campbell Ingram, CALFED, informed the group that 260 proposals were received for a total of \$473 million. He also mentioned that there are 10 regional experts for regional context review and the process will continue to move to the technical reviews.

Letters of Support

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FWS, requested a few small changes to the letters. Ramirez will make the changes to the letters and send them out to the group.

Date of next meeting: March 8, 2002

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